



JUDICIAL PANEL ON
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BEFORE THE JUDICIAL PANEL ON MULTIDISTRICT LITIGATION
IN RE ZYPREXA PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

Mary Mallard v. Eli Lilly & Co., et al., M.D. Alabama, C.A. No. 2:06-481

Patricia Segrest v. Eli Lilly & Co., et al., M.D. Alabama, C.A. No. 2:06-542

Charles O. Crowder v. Eli Lilly & Co., et al., N.D. Alabama, C.A. No. 2:06-1321

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***BEFORE WM. TERRELL HODGES, CHAIRMAN, D. LOWELL JENSEN, J.
FREDERICK MOTZ, ROBERT L. MILLER, JR., KATHRYN H. VRATIL,
DAVID R. HANSEN AND ANTHONY J. SCIRICA, JUDGES OF THE PANEL***

TRANSFER ORDER

Before the Panel are motions brought, respectively, pursuant to Rule 7.4, R.P.J.P.M.L., 199 F.R.D. 425, 435-36 (2001), by plaintiffs in two Middle District of Alabama actions and one Northern District of Alabama action. These plaintiffs ask the Panel to vacate its orders conditionally transferring the actions to the Eastern District of New York for inclusion in the coordinated or consolidated pretrial proceedings occurring there in this docket. Common defendant Eli Lilly and Co. opposes the motions to vacate and urges inclusion of the actions in the MDL-1596 proceedings.

On the basis of the papers filed and hearing session held (without oral argument), the Panel finds that these three actions involve common questions of fact with the actions in this litigation previously transferred to the Eastern District of New York, and that transfer of these actions to the Eastern District of New York for inclusion in the coordinated or consolidated pretrial proceedings in that district will serve the convenience of the parties and witnesses and promote the just and efficient conduct of the litigation. The Panel further finds that transfer of these actions is appropriate for reasons expressed by the Panel in its original order directing centralization in this docket. In that order, the Panel held that the Eastern District of New York was a proper Section 1407 forum for actions involving claims of liability related to the prescription drug Zyprexa. *See In re Zyprexa Products Liability Litigation*, 314 F.Supp.2d 1380 (J.P.M.L. 2004). Plaintiffs' motions for remand to state court can be presented to and decided by the transferee court. *See, e.g., In re Ivy*, 901 F.2d 7 (2nd Cir. 1990); *In re Prudential Insurance Company of America Sales Practices Litigation*, 170 F.Supp.2d 1346, 1347-48 (J.P.M.L. 2001).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1407, these actions are transferred to the Eastern District of New York and, with the consent of that court, assigned to the Honorable Jack

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B. Weinstein for inclusion in the coordinated or consolidated pretrial proceedings occurring there in this docket.

FOR THE PANEL:

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Wm. Terrell Hodges
Chairman

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Dear Mr. Heinemann:

I am enclosing a certified copy and one additional copy of a transfer order filed today by the Panel in the above-captioned matter. The order is directed to you for filing.

The Panel's governing statute, 28 U.S.C. §1407, requires that the transferee clerk "...transmit a certified copy of the Panel's order to transfer to the clerk of the district court from which the action is being transferred."

A list of involved counsel is attached.

Very truly,

Jeffery N. Lüthi
Clerk of the Panel

By: 
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Enclosures/Attachment

cc: Transferee Judge: Judge Jack B. Weinstein
Transferor Judges: Judge William M. Acker, Jr.; Judge W. Harold Albritton, III
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